

# Grand Commandery of New York

## October News



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Christian Greetings Sir Knights,

The Theme for the New York Templar Year 2021-2022 is:

### **FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY**

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.” (Matthew 21:21) KJV

Has there recently been another time that *Faith, Hope and Charity* has meant so much as it has this past year and a half to our Order and all mankind? *Faith* is the tenet that is the foundation of our Order. It gives us strength and fortitude to press onward during these difficult and confusing times. *Faith* gives fuel for *Hope*, a most powerful emotion that can overcome the most challenging times. *Charity* from one, gives *Hope* to another. We are introduced to these three excellent qualities early in our Templar journey and they have never been more important than right now.

During this new Templar year, I beseech you to think of what these three qualities mean to you. Is your *Faith* as strong as it once was or does it need to be fortified? Have you suffered at times with loss of *Hope*? Maybe your *Faith* has to be strengthened. Have you given support of *Hope* to others in dire need?

I enthusiastically *Hope* that all Sir Knights would continue to also support our core *Charities* consisting of The New York Division Education Foundation, The Holy Land Pilgrimage, St. Bernard’s Priory Endowment Fund and The Grand Encampment Eye Foundation. Eye Foundation Grants, supporting research, in the field of pediatric eye disease and the gift of eyesight to the blind are heart-warming investments.

Our obligations and vows of service to God, country and fellow man are woven throughout our Orders and Degrees and the lessons we have witnessed. Let them strengthen our ***Faith, Hope and Charity***.

I humbly thank each of you for putting your *Faith* in me to preside over this Grand Commandery for the upcoming Templar Year. I *Hope* to fulfill my obligations of serving you with dignity and honor. Together, we can move mountains.

Courteously,  
SK Dennis S. Davis, R.E.G.C.

### **Upcoming Events**

Zone #8 Pilgrimage, 6 November, Palmyra, NY  
Grand Commander's Reception, 13 November, Utica, NY  
Zone #3 Pilgrimage, 4 December, Rhinebeck, NY  
***(Details can be found on the Grand Commandery website)***

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### **Grand Prelate's Corner**

**"But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift."  
(Ephesians 4:7)**

God bestows upon all members of His creation and church in every age spiritual gifts which each member is to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and of humanity. Given by the agency of the Holy Spirit, who apportions to each member as He wills, the gifts provide all abilities and ministries needed by the church to fulfill its divinely ordained functions.

According to the Scriptures, these gifts include such ministries as faith, healing, prophecy, proclamation, teaching, administration, reconciliation, compassion, and self-sacrificing service and charity for the help and encouragement of people. As Knights—our greatest gift is to share what we have received of God. Grace allows us to venture into the world with the knowledge that what I have received by Christ is what is best to share with another and the world in general. Let us remember that Faith, Hope, and Love are great in themselves, but the greatest is Love not when we keep it, but when we give it away.

Bible translators have extreme difficulty in translating the Hebrew word for love, "*hesed*" into Greek or its equivalent in English. Sometimes this word is translated as Charity. That is because so many biblical words such as mercy, compassion, love, grace, and faithfulness relate to the Hebrew word "*hesed*", but none of these completely summarize the concept. *Hesed* is not merely an emotion or feeling, but involves action on behalf of someone who is in need. *Hesed* describes a sense of love and loyalty that inspires merciful and compassionate behavior toward another person, hence our English word Charity.

God's covenant relationship with His people results in His loyal love and faithfulness, even when His people are unfaithful to Him. Always at the heart of "*hesed*" lies God's generous sense of compassion, grace, and mercy. *Hesed* surpasses ordinary kindness and friendship. It is the inclination of the heart to show "*amazing grace*" to the one who is loved. *Hesed* runs deeper than social expectations, responsibilities, fluctuating emotions, or what is deserved or earned by the recipient. *Hesed* finds its home in committed, familial love, and it comes to life in our action

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### **From the Editor**

Recently, the Grand Master has decided that all state supplements to the monthly KT magazine will be online only. Please go to the Grand Encampment website and click onto the state supplement section to read your New York Grand Commandery news every month. You will still receive your monthly magazine in the mail sans the supplement which is now online. I encourage you to read the monthly NY news online to read the Grand Commander's messages and the Grand Prelate's Corner as well as other pertinent information of happenings around the state.

